

Remarks

The Office action mailed April 6, 2004, has been reviewed and carefully considered. The undersigned attorney thanks Examiner Kifle for the courtesy extended during the interview of August 3, 2004.

Claims 29, 30, 35, 46, 47, 48, 53, 55 and 60 have been amended in response to the unity of invention requirement. In particular, the claims have been amended to indicate that the "A" ring may be benzene or naphthalene and that the "W" moiety is S. It is noted that these amendments are not related to patentability, and the applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter restricted out from the present application due to the unity of invention requirement.

Claims 29 and 47 have also been amended to address the 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, rejections.

Finally, claims 29, 30, 47 and 55 have amended to include additional embodiments. Support for the addition of the R₃ phenyl group in claims 29 and 47 is found in the specification at page 26, Table 1 (compounds 21-27, particularly compound 23). Support for the three additional groups for the Z moiety in claims 29, 30 47 and 55 is found in the specification at page 26, Table 1, compounds 29-31. Support for the additional R₁ groups is found in the specification, for example, at page 5, lines 10-12.

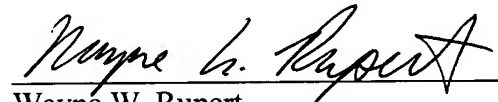
Applicants disagree with the 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, rejection of claims 46, 48-54 and 63, but have canceled these claims in the interest of expediting allowance of the present application.

It is respectfully submitted that the present claims are in condition for allowance. Should there be any questions regarding this application, Examiner Kifle is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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